

UNIT 22: VIEW COVE

MANAGEMENT INTENT

State lands will be managed for continuing forestry and mineral resource development outside crucial habitats while maintaining other fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas. The existing log transfer facility and log storage sites in View Cove will continue to be accommodated. The proposed log transfer site at Coco Harbor will be located at the eastern end of the southern shore, but outside crucial habitat and harvest areas at the head of the bay. A-frame breakout points are allowed throughout the unit outside crucial fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas.

Tideland sites for transporting and processing white limestone will be available along the southern shores of View Cove, excluding Green Inlet and the head of View Cove.

Habitat is designated a secondary use in some important fish and wildlife habitat or harvest areas (Hc). This will be considered in siting and managing all activities directly related to shore-attached facilities where there are primary designations for forestry and mining. Appropriate siting or operating stipulations (which may include timing restrictions) will be considered to mitigate negative impacts on the habitat resources and to meet the management intent for this unit. Even where habitat is designated a secondary use in important fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas (Hc), it will be managed as a primary use when reviewing proposals for uses that are not directly related to or necessary for the operation of a shore-attached facility where there is a primary designation of forestry or mining. Important habitat resources are waterfowl and seabird concentrations and a shrimp fishery east of Clam Island in View Cove; and waterfowl and seabird concentrations and salmon harvest and subsistence areas in southeast Coco Harbor. Managers should check the fish and wildlife habitat maps for specific locations.

Designation of state tidelands for public recreation does not confer the right for the public to use private uplands for public recreation.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY USES

Refer to the land use designation maps for primary and secondary uses and fish and wildlife ratings.

PROHIBITED USES

- Mineral location in mapped crucial fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas.
- Floathomes in mapped crucial fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas,
- Filling state tide and submerged lands for residential purposes.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

- **Logging Camp Support Facilities North of Reef Point on Tlevak Strait.** The small cove on Tlevak Strait north of Reef Point is designated for access and support facilities for a logging camp on the uplands. The primary use designation for forestry is not intended for a log transfer facility.
- **Evaluating A-frame Breakout Points on the North Shore of View Cove.** Timber will be transported by road to the permanent transfer site on the north slope of View Cove unless it is determined that A-frame harvest in some locations would be a more feasible and prudent alternative considering impacts to upland and marine fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas.
- **A-frame Logging Breakout Points on Clam Island in View Cove.** Before approving A-frame breakout points, land managers should consider, in consultation with the upland resource owner, whether it is feasible to transport timber by road from Clam Island to a permanent resource transfer facility on the south shore of View Cove as a preferable alternative to A-frame logging.
- **Permanent Resource Transfer Site on the South Shore of View Cove.** There are three potential sites for resource transfer facilities on the south shore of View Cove to serve upland mineral development. Only one of the three sites should be developed.
- **Public Access in View Cove.** Public access across state tidelands to the campsite and trail easements in View Cove will not be precluded.
- **Resource Transfer Site in Coco Harbor.** A permanent resource transfer site will be allowed at the south shore of Coco Harbor.
- **A-frame Logging in Green Inlet.** A-frame breakouts will, to the extent feasible and prudent, be sited outside Green Inlet. Reefs at the mouth of the inlet may result in bark accumulations if A-frame breakout points were inside the inlet.
- **Developed Recreation Facilities in Crucial Habitat and Harvest Areas.** Based on available information, developed recreation facilities are initially determined incompatible within mapped crucial fish and wildlife areas. A specific proposal for a developed recreation facility may be considered for compatibility based on its design or on new habitat information.
- **Anchorage.** Use of anchorages depicted on the land use designation map will not be precluded.

NOTES

- There is a one-acre designated campsite and a 25-foot trail easement at the head of View Cove. The trail crosses Dall Island to Manhattan Arm.
- One heritage site is within this unit:
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FISH AND WILDLIFE INFORMATION

The unit includes seven anadromous fish stream outlets.

The streams at the heads of View Cove and Coco Harbor have deltas and tideflats and are particularly productive. View Cove and Coco Harbor support a shrimp fishery and subsistence and sport salmon fisheries. The unnamed cove south of Coco Harbor needs an anadromous fish survey to determine if any of the streams in the bay support anadromous fish.

Abalone beds are identified along the shore north of View Cove, in View Cove, in Baldy Bay, and Windy Cove. Eelgrass beds are identified in Windy Cove.

There is an important pink salmon rearing area around Entrance Island. Windy Cove and Green Inlet are poorly flushed, productive habitats with extensive subtidal aquatic beds. Windy Cove supports subsistence harvest of Dungeness crab.

